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PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT - SECOND SESSION,

PARIS MAY 23-30, 1978

1. DURING MAY 30 PARA BY PARA ADOPTION 2ND SESSION IIC REPORT, CHAIRMAN RUIZ (CUBA) RULED THAT DRAFT CHARTER HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AT MAY 29 SESSION. USDEL ELICITED THIS INTERPRETATION BY ASKING CHAIRMAN WHETHER POSSIBILITY STILL OPEN FOR AMENDING CHARTER. (COMMENT: BEFORE RESERVING POSITION ON ARTICLE 8 DURING MAY 29 DEBATE, USDEL BELIEVED IT HAD CHAIRMAN'S FORMAL ASSURANCES THAT CHARTER WOULD BE OPEN FOR FURTHER DEBATE AND VOTE DURING FINAL (MAY 30) SESSION. END COMMENT.)

2. ON RECEIVING CHAIRMAN'S RULING THAT CHARTER ALREADY ADOPTED, USDEL ASKED THAT REPORT SHOW THAT US HAD RESERVED POSITION ON ARTICLE 8 (AS IT HAD VERY CLEARLY DONE PER INSTRUCTIONS), AND THAT IN ABSENCE OF ACCEPTABLE REFORMULATION OF TITLE ARTICLE 8, THAT US WOULD ABSTAIN ON VOTE ON WHOLE CHARTER. AT VERY END, USDEL AGAIN UNCLASSIFIED

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SOUGHT THROUGH POINT OF ORDER MOTION TO CHANGE ONE WORD IN CHARTER TO PERMIT US JOINING OTHER DELS IN FAVORABLE VOTE ON THE CHARTER. USDEL EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE US ATTACHED TO WORK OF COMMITTEE AND APPRECIATION IF FELT RE COOPERATIVENESS OF ALL COLLEAGUES. CHAIRMAN TURNED TO SECRETARIAT COUNSEL WHO STATED CHARTER WAS APPROVED AND THAT US MOTION MEANT REOPENING DEBATE ON THIS MATTER.

CHAIRMAN THEN PROCEEDED TO CONSENSUS APPROVAL OF REPORT TO WHICH CHARTER AND OTHER DOCUMENTS ANNEXED. (COMMENT: CHAIRMAN'S RULING ALL THE MORE UNFORTUNATE SINCE SOUNDINGS ON SUPPORT FOR ACCEPTABLE TITLE CHANGE, SUBSTITUTING "CAN" FOR "SHOULD", INDICATED POSSIBLE MAJORITY SUPPORT. WHILE WE HAD GIVEN CHAIRMAN HIGH MARKS FOR IMPARTIALITY UP TO THIS TIME, RUIZ IN THE END WAS NOT HELPFUL, NOR WAS THE SECRETARIAT WHICH TOOK NARROWEST, MOST LEGALISTIC POSITIONS. END COMMENT.)

3. BUT MOST SALIENT ASPECT IN USDEL'S VIEW WAS COMPLETE ISOLATION IT FOUND ITSELF ON ISSUE OF MEDIA. AT NO TIME DID ANY DELEGATION SPEAK UP FOR OUR POSITION. EITHER OUR INSTRUCTIONS ARE TOO NARROWLY CAST OR THERE HAS BEEN INADEQUATE CONSULTATION ON THIS ISSUE WITH OUR ALLIES.

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